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Letter dated 14 August 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as the representative of the country which currently chairs the Collective Security Treaty Organization, I have the honour to transmit to you the statement of the Secretary-General and the plenipotentiary representatives of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on the situation on the Korean peninsula of 8 August 2003 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 74 (f) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Rashid **Alimov**

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Annex to the letter dated 14 August 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Russian]

Statement by the Secretary-General and plenipotentiary representatives of the States Parties to the Treaty on Collective Security concerning the situation on the Korean peninsula

Dangerous tension is building up on the Korean peninsula and around it, which, one way or another, affects the interests of many States. The military and political threats, the advancement of various preconditions for negotiations and the whipping up of passions are having a most negative effect on stability and security in the region and in the world as a whole.

Both on account of their geographical proximity to what is taking place and in accordance with their principled position in favour of just political solutions to disputed situations, the States Parties to the Treaty on Collective Security welcome the agreement to begin six-party negotiations and wish them success. They appeal to all those involved to show the utmost restraint, goodwill and a sense of responsibility during the negotiating process.

Individual and collective efforts are now vital to reduce the tension and create favourable conditions for a speedy political settlement with a view to preserving the non-nuclear status of the Korean peninsula, strengthening the regime of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and ensuring regional and international security.

For our part, our States intend vigorously to facilitate this.

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Letter dated 18 August 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from the Government of the Republic of Panama, I have the honour to inform you of Panama's position on the proposal contained in the letter dated 5 August 2003 that was transmitted to you by the representatives of the Governments of Belize, Burkina Faso, Chad, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia, Grenada, Malawi, Nicaragua, Palau, Sao Tome and Principe, the Solomon Islands, Swaziland, and Tuvalu in which they requested the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations" (A/58/197).

As on previous occasions, the Government of Panama wishes to place on record its view that the purposes and principles of the United Nations must be applied to the situation in Taiwan, provided that the Chinese people are able to resolve their differences through dialogue and negotiation without any external interference.

The above-mentioned letter reiterates the desire, shared by us, that the United Nations should constitute the principal means for obtaining, in the shortest time possible, full access to the benefits of our Organization for the population of Taiwan, as well as actively to negotiate a peaceful resolution of the differences between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China.

The Republic of Panama wishes to reiterate that the question under consideration, being an extremely sensitive domestic issue for the Chinese people, must be resolved through respectful dialogue and mutual understanding; the United Nations can and should encourage that dialogue.

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I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly in connection with the request for the inclusion of the "Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations" as a supplementary item in the provisional agenda.

(*Signed*) Mary **Morgan-Moss**
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